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(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE) while en route to Murmansk, was ordered to stop by a signal station on the south side of Toros Island (N 69-18, E 33-28). The ship remained there for three hours; during that time, eight naval 25X1 vessels came into the inlet in line formation at a speed of ten to fifteen knots. The vessels were similar they were corvettes. Each ship was 150 to 200 feet long, and it had one stack, and one large gun on both 25X1 the foredeck and the afterdeck. three or four large naval vessels at anchor in Vayenga Bay (N 69-05, E 33-26). There were also many smaller naval vessels at a pier in the 25X1 bay. 25X1 3. At the dockyard in Rosta (N 69-03, E 33-05) many large corvettes, as well as a very large naval vessel which was undergoing repairs. The large vessel was 600 to 700 feet long, and it had two stacks and many guns. Scaffolding 25X1 was erected around the upper part of the command tower and some welding work was being done on the ship. 25X1 a watchtower with a searchlight on the corner of the apatite There were always two men in the tower. just above the inlet from the apatite quay; this searchlight was used at night during aircraft maneuvers. These maneuvers took place every night that ship was in port. The aircraft had high tail assemblies and conventional right-25X1 angle wings. One or two of these aircraft circled overhead and were followed by several searchlight beams. 25X1 ship left Murmansk, the radar showed that the ship was followed by a small vessel at a distance of about six miles. 25X1 25X1 S-E-C-R-E-T 25X1 STATE ARMY X NAVY AIR AEC

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